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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for conservation and development of diverse culture, customs and traditions of the North East;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the implementation of the said schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The conservation and development of diverse culture, customs and traditions of the North East are undertaken by the Ministry primarily through the various schemes namely National Cultural Exchange Programme (NCEP), Tribal Sub Plan, Cultural Industry, Guru Shishya Parampara, etc. of the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), an autonomous body. In addition, the Sangeet Natak Akademi, which is also an autonomous body of the Ministry, has the following three Centres for the purpose:

(i) North East Centre

(ii) Jawaharlal Nehru Manipuri Dance Akademi

(iii) Chhau Centre

The National Mission on Libraries (NML) also ensures repositories relating to North Eastern States. In general, the Government earmarks 10% of the total allotted Plan funds of the Ministry for the overall benefits of the North Eastern States. During the current financial year (2014-15), a total of Rs. 183.50 crore has been earmarked for North East Activities.

(c) & (d) The Government monitors the implementation of the schemes by nominating officers in the Council/Board of its various autonomous bodies.